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MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MARCH 23, AND 24, 2015 MEETING

Call to Order: Chair John Lehfeldt, at 1:00 PM, in the Scott Hart Auditorium, 302 N Roberts, Helena, MT

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

John Lehfeldt, Chair, sheep producer
Ed Waldner, swine producer
Jeffery Lewis, dairy producer
John Scully, cattle producer
Nina Baucus, cattle producer
Brett DeBruycker, cattle producer

Members Absent:

Jan French, cattle producer

Staff Present:

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer
Dan Turcotte, Milk & Egg Bureau
John Grainger, Brands Enforcement
Dr. Bill Layton, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Dr. Eric Liska, Animal Health
Paul Johnson, Brands Enforcement
Marty Clark, Brands Enforcement
Sherry Rust, Board Secretary
George Harris, Centralized Services
Dr. Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Bureau
Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, Assistant State Veterinarian
Gary Hamel, Meat Inspection
Ted Wall, Brands Enforcement

Public Present:

John Steuber, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Chaley Harney, Montana Beef Council
Taylor Brown, SD28
Ryan Goodman, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

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Gene Curry, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Dr. Jeanne Rankin, rancher, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

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1:05 PM Administrative Items

1:08 PM **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved to approve the board meeting minutes as corrected. John Scully seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1:20 PM **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved that a copy of the letter from Jan French to the Governor stepping down from the Board of Livestock Chair position and a copy of the Governor's appointment of John Lehfeldt as interim Chair dated January 15, 2015 be attached to the January BOL meeting minutes. John Scully seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1:25 PM **Motion/Vote:** Jeff Lewis moved to approve the chair's interim activity for out of state travel for a diagnostic laboratory employee to attend Rabies Certification training paid for by Center for Disease Control funds. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1:30 PM Chair John Lehfeldt called for nominations for the vice chair position which has been vacant since Linda Nielsen's term ended

1:32 PM **Motion/Vote:** Ed Waldner nominated John Scully for vice chair. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1:40 PM Division Reports
Centralized Services Division

2:05 PM **Motion/Vote:** John Scully moved for industry to establish an advisory committee (Montana Stockgrowers, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Wool Growers, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Ag Bankers and the Montana Livestock Markets) to develop and present a strategic plan going forward recommending structural changes to the department (including issues such as local inspector program, job descriptions, assignment of personnel, workload, efficiencies, livestock transfer fee, and market staffing) with a

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timeframe and updates at each board meeting. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved to continue a budget subcommittee made up of board and industry group members to monitor and implement budget appropriations, revenue and expenditures. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that bullet number 3 & 4 of the advisory committee Plan Going Forward be adopted as amended. (# 3. Add language to HB2 that the Board of Livestock will report on structural balance of all fees to the EAIC at the beginning of every fiscal year; and # 4. That each division will operate within its appropriated budget and that any fund switch necessary within the department will only come with a vote of the full Board of Livestock.) Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that the department provide to the legislature an organization chart for the entire department as well as each division. An updated chart will be provided to the EAIC during the interim. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that all meetings in the future will be recorded to provide transparency and accountability to the livestock industry of Montana. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that all meetings in the future be televised, with internet access when and if practical to do so. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that all recorded meetings will be retained as per retention policy of the Secretary of State and duplicates will be retained at separate locations for historical record. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that the department agrees to work with the Legislative Audit Subcommittee on oversight and budget implementation. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that the department arrive at a general fund total number including DSA request for 2016 & 2017; 41% for lab public

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health total for 2016 & 2017; and additional general fund monies required for the rest of the department (i.e.: Meat Inspection, Livestock Loss Board). Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that the department provide the spending authority number necessary on the whole department to fund the gap in lab and any remaining gap for the rest of the department based on 2016 & 2017 operational needs. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that the authority number shall specifically include the incremental pay increases and HB 13 pay increases should the bill pass. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2:54 PM Recess

3:09 PM Reconvene

3:45 PM **Motion/Vote:** Nina Baucus moved to authorize of the \$350,000 the statutory appropriation funds for Predator Control that \$27,422 be allocated to the non-participating three counties; Powder River County - \$11,307, Carter \$10,476, Richland \$5,639. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4:42 PM **Motion/Vote:** John Scully moved to authorize travel for two individuals to attend one National Poultry Training program each (salmonella enteritis and avian influenza. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried

Producer Organization Updates: None

5:20 PM Comments from the Public: *refer to audio*
Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Representative Herz

5:30 PM **Board Action:** Due to time constraints the board deferred Milk Control Board and Livestock Loss Board reports to Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 5:45

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Called to order: Chair John Lehfeltdt, at 8:00 AM, Tuesday March 24 in the
Scott Hart Auditorium, 302 N Roberts, Helena, MT

Members Present:

John Lehfeltdt, chair, sheep producer
Ed Waldner, swine producer
Jeffery Lewis, dairy producer
John Scully, cattle producer
Nina Baucus, cattle producer
Brett DeBruycker, cattle producer

Members Absent:

Jan French, cattle producer

Staff Present:

Christian Mackay, Executive Officer
Dan Turcotte, Milk & Egg Bureau
John Grainger, Brands Enforcement
Sherry Rust, Board Secretary, minute taker
George Harris, Centralized Services
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Bureau
Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, Asst. State Veterinarian
John Grainger, Brands Enforcement
Ted Wall, Brands Enforcement
Dan Turcotte, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau
Chad Lee, Milk Control Bureau

Public Present:

Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
Dr. Jeanne Rankin, rancher, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

9:00 AM **Motion/Vote:** Jeff Lewis moved to authorize Dr. Eric Liska to attend the
Western States Meeting as presented. Ed Waldner seconded. The motion
carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that a comparative report of the three brucellosis states work plans be placed on the May agenda. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Brett DeBruycker moved to authorize Dr. Zaluski and Dr. Szymanski to attend the Western States Livestock Health Association meeting in Denver as presented. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved that a presentation be made as follow up to the meetings attended be placed on the August BOL meeting. Brett DeBruycker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10:25 AM **Board Action:** **Tabled.** The request for changes to the DSA Administrative Rule was tabled to see what pending vetting with the industry, and a comparison report from Dr Zaluski.

Recess: 10:30 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:45 a.m.

10:50 AM **Motion/Vote:** John Scully moved that John Lehfeldt, Jeff Lewis and Ed Waldner review the letter to Core-Mark as compiled by Christian Mackay prior to his sending it out. Nina Baucus seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Brett DeBruycker moved to authorize posting and interviewing for open inspector position in Meat Inspection, but no hiring until authorized by the board. Jeff Lewis seconded.

Motion was Withdrawn: Brett DeBruycker withdrew the motion.

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved to proceed with the hiring process but not hire until authorized by the board. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11:18 AM Review Board of Livestock Policy & Guidelines

Motion/Vote: John Scully moved to remove # 7 Horseracing reference as part of the department and # 14 references to Horseracing be stricken and to

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update 5C on page 7 to Livestock Loss Board. Jeff Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM Evaluation of Executive Officer

1:15 PM Public Comment *refer to audio*:
Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association
Jeanne Rankin, rancher, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

1:25 **Next Board Meeting:**
April 23, 2015 - location to be determined
10:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1:30 PM

John Lehfelddt, Chair